

Senate Resolution 41 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION
1 2 BY GRONSTAL
1 3 A Resolution to recognize Southwest Iowa as the purple
1 4 martin region of Iowa.
1 5 WHEREAS, the purple martin is the largest and most
1 6 beautiful bird of the swallow family; and
1 7 WHEREAS, the purple martin feeds entirely on flying
1 8 insects, and is an excellent means of natural insect
1 9 control as this insect=destroying bird consumes about
1 10 2,000 mosquitoes each day; and
1 11 WHEREAS, it is known that the purple martin is
1 12 clean, graceful in flight, sings beautifully, and
1 13 frees picnic areas and patios of insect pests; and
1 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Dennis Paul Devine, Sr., a local
1 15 citizen of Council Bluffs, Iowa, has worked for 37
1 16 years promoting and has sponsored "Purple Martin Time"
1 17 four times in Council Bluffs, and with the help of
1 18 Griggsville, Illinois, "The Purple Martin" Capital of
1 19 the nation, has given six martin houses to the Iowa
1 20 School for the Deaf, Council Bluffs Care Center,
1 21 Bethany Lutheran Home, and Bayliss Park in the last 37
1 22 years; and
1 23 WHEREAS, it would seem altogether fitting and
1 24 proper to encourage widespread interest in this most
1 25 popular bird, the purple martin; and
1 26 WHEREAS, the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa, has had
1 27 four "Purple Martin Times" designations in 1978, 1981,
1 28 1982, and 1983, signed by four mayors; and
1 29 WHEREAS, purple martins return every year to the
1 30 area where they hatched and their presence is
2 1 beneficial to the community; NOW THEREFORE,
2 2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
2 3 recognizes Southwest Iowa as the purple martin region
2 4 of Iowa and invites ornithologists and bird=watchers
2 5 everywhere to visit Southwest Iowa and view these
2 6 remarkable birds.
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